

Suit Against Guffey—Monument to the Living Woodrow—Crafts Dedicates Estate to Brotherhood—Dollar for Sultan's Wife—Do Women Talk More than Men.

Joseph G. Guffey, who was Director of Sales for the Allen Property Custodian, under A. Mitchell Palmer and Francis P. Garvan, is charged by the Government with embezzlement of \$406,000, acquired by him through property seized from Germans during the war. Guffey's attorney says that this sum is in the Federal Treasury and that his client has a receipt for it. In this case the indictment, to say the least, is highly technical. Let us see what happens.

Henry Ford is said to have closed for the purchase of 28,000 acres of coal mining land in Kentucky. There are seven mines which produce 10,000 tons a day. If Ford gets that coal, the mining industry will get a lesson in how to mine coal. Watch this transaction.

Woodrow Wilson is to enjoy a distinction seldom accorded to living men. A great memorial will be raised to him, while he is in the flesh. Eight tenths of the million dollar fund, necessary for this purpose, is already in hand. The memorial will probably be an endowment of education, which is one of the best forms a memorial can take.

Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, long head of the International Reform Bureau, is dead, but he leaves two thirds of his estate to be devoted to "the brotherhood of man." Dr. Crafts divided the brotherhood into sheep and goats. He often made the goats very miserable and so, was not by them, considered brotherly.

J. Cline of Emporia, Kansas, who says he is a respectable widower, aged 30 years, asks the Near East Relief to buy him one of the Sultan's 150 wives and sends a dollar. The offer is declined with thanks. The Sultan's wives are not for sale, and if they were, the price is far too low, although in Eastern lands wives are readily had for less than \$1 and the purchaser does not keep them unless he wishes.

Comes Dr. Brill of the University of New York, assuming to tell why women talk so much more than men. He says they do not have enough intellectual work to keep their minds busy. Not a good guess for a scientist. It is not proved that women do talk more than men. They live lonelier lives and may concentrate their talk in the comparatively brief periods when somebody is available to be talked to.

The average woman has at least as much mental activity as the average man. Women sing, play musical instruments, sew, knit, embroider, practice domestic science, deal in the chemistry of foods, take the larger share of the burden of running complicated households on limited budgets, and rear babies, all of which require an intellectual development, at least as high as that required of a man who runs an automatic machine or something of the kind. Women lack experience of the world. This often makes them seem unintelligent to the male, who is unconscious of his profound lack of experience of the things that women do.

An analogy to this state of mind is discovered in the attitude of a person who listens to one speaking a foreign language. Such a speech, be it ever so intelligent, sounds like nonsense to the listener who usually has a feeling of superiority to which he is not entitled.

J. Ogden Armour, retires soon as president of the great Armour company to become chairman of its board of directors. President once upon a time was the last word in promotion in a great business institution. Now it is the fashion to make promising young men president while the gray old boss, retires to a lofty elevation as chairman of the board.

Washington, Dec. 30—Charges that junk dealers in a number of cities had conspired to cheat the government, in buying war supplies at auction sales, will be laid before grand juries as basis for indictments, it was learned at the Department of Justice today.

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COAL SHORTAGE ACUTE AND EPIDEMIC IS FEARED CALM ACTION ON REPARATIONS TANGLE

2 FOOTBALL STARS DEAD WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO

"Bots" Brunner and Red Wray of Lafayette University Eleven Victims of Grade Crossing Tragedy at Woodbury, N. J.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—Bots Brunner and Red Wray, two Lafayette University football stars, were killed early today in an automobile accident at Woodbury, N. J. The automobile was struck by a Pennsylvania railroad train.

"Bots" Brunner and Alex Wray were well known in the field of intercollegiate athletics, the former having achieved no little distinction during the past two seasons as a backfield man at Lafayette college during the last two seasons. He was prominently mentioned for All-American honors during this season and last and in 1922, led all the Eastern players in point scoring.

HERZOG FIGHTS TO CLEAR NAME

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 30.—Charles H. Knapp, famous in baseball as legal adviser to Jack Dunn, once elected president of the International League and for years a figure in the fight against the draft, was today engaged by Buck Herzog to clear any suspicion around his name in connection with the Babe Benton case.

SLEUTHS AWAIT BERGDOLL SHIP

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 30.—Police and customs officials here were ready to meet the steamship Jupiter, said to be enroute to this port with Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, Philadelphia editor and lawyer, on board as a member of its crew.

Thirty Persons Shaken Up In Main St. Trolley Crash

Mrs. Lois B. Bantle of 46 Porter street, is confined to her home today suffering from minor injuries and thirty other persons, passengers on a south-bound Main street trolley car, which crashed into a huge cement truck at the corner of Main and Grand streets shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, had narrow escapes from serious injury. Some of the passengers were cut by flying glass and suffered from shock, but all escaping Mrs. Bantle were able to proceed to their destinations without medical aid.

Another car, which was operated by Motorman John J. Cody of 666 Central avenue, was proceeding at a slow rate of speed according to witnesses, as was the truck, which was owned and operated by Rocco Jacouzzi, a contractor of 441 Gardfield avenue, and which was proceeding west on Grand street. Both of the operators sighted each other at the intersection but were unable to stop in time to prevent the collision. The truck crashed into the front vestibule of the trolley, crushing it in.

DOCTOR HELD IN K. K. K. MURDERS



Dr. B. M. McKoon (left) and detective.

FEAR FAMINE IN COAL MAY CAUSE "FLU"

Plenty of Substitutes but Hardly Any Coal in Regular Sizes—North Haven Appeals for Relief in "Flu" Crisis.

Fear that a shortage of coal may result in an epidemic of influenza was expressed here today when it was learned that Dr. Sterling Price Taylor, health officer of North Haven, has asked Congressmen John Q. Tamm to try and get coal for that town to relieve cases of influenza and pneumonia. Dealers, busy with the winter season, have neglected North Haven, with the result that a serious condition now exists there.

PEACE PARLEY ADJOURNED

Lausanne, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—With the deadlock still unbroken, the Near East Peace Conference came to a stop today. Following conferences of subcommittees on capitulations, safeguards for Christians and Turkish straits matters, an adjournment was taken tonight, until next Tuesday.

Thief Gets All Set for Spring Painting

R. A. Hallock of 35 Colorado avenue, reported to the police today that a quantity of paint, two ladders and a number of ash tools which he had been using in repairing the Stanley Cruiser Shop, at 1890 Stratford avenue, which was destroyed by fire some time ago, had been stolen from that place. The police are investigating.

U. S. AWAITS FINAL WORD FROM ALLIES

Washington to Make No Definite Move on Reparations Tangle Unless Premiers Fail to Adjust Differences.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES. Washington, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.) The United States will make no definite move in the international situation until it can be seen whether the Allied premiers in their meeting at Paris next week can adjust the differences which have kept Europe in economic ferment for three years.

Mother And Her 4 Children Gas Poison Victims

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 30.—A mother and her four little children were found dead at their home here this morning. Death was caused by gas poisoning. The victims were Mrs. Katherine R. Simons, 33½ Mary, 11; John, 8; William, 4; Robert, 2.

BANDITS ROB 2 PAYMASTERS

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—Working with lightning like speed, five armed bandits within an hour this morning held up two paymasters in widely separated parts of the city and escaped with approximately \$27,000 in cash.

14,000 LOAVES BREAD BURNED

Wilmington, Conn., Dec. 30.—A five ton Pierce Arrow truck with 14,000 loaves of bread belonging to the Dexter Bread company of Springfield, Mass., was totally destroyed by fire at Columbus just before 2 a. m. today. Joseph Barbo of Springfield, who was on the seat of the truck, was burned about the face and is now in St. Joseph's hospital here for treatment. His condition is believed to be not serious.

Coroner Holds Two Men Responsible for Death of Soldier

Norwalk, Dec. 30.—Coroner J. J. Phelan in a finding, handed down here today, holds E. J. Sheehan, Jr., and Frank De Martino criminally responsible for the death of Sergeant Brangan, U. S. A., whose home was in Trenton, N. J.

Truck Skids Over a Snowpile into Factory

J. J. Kennedy, head night watchman at the Harvey Hubbell plant, telephoned to Sergeant Salmon at the Third Precinct last night that a large truck had skidded over a snowpile in front of the plant last night and crashed into the door of the employment office. The truck backed out of the debris and disappeared in the darkness. Police are conducting an investigation and hope to locate the owner of the car.

REAPPOINTMENT 13 OFFICIALS TO CITY OFFICES

Only Hitch Comes When Mayor Names Fairfield Man, Believing Him to Be a Bridgeport Resident—All Political Groups Represented in Appointments.

NEW BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

- Board of Police Commissioners: John C. Stanley to succeed John C. Stanley. Philo C. Calhoun to succeed Philo C. Calhoun.
- Board of Fire Commissioners: Henry N. McCathron to succeed Samuel Dawe. William H. Gledhill to succeed Michael Noonan.
- Board of Health Commissioners: William L. Zepp to succeed William L. Zepp. W. A. LaField to succeed J. Henry Callahan.
- Board of Building Commissioners: John C. Schwartz to succeed William McLennan.
- City Plan Commission: George M. Barnes to succeed George M. Barnes. Walter M. Redfield to succeed Walter B. Lashar.
- Board of Apportionment and Taxation: William E. Burnham to succeed William E. Burnham. John A. Levery to succeed John A. Levery. Robert D. Goddard to succeed Daniel J. Clifford. Anker S. Lybne to succeed Harry E. Husted.
- Board of Contract and Supply: William E. Burnham to succeed William E. Burnham.
- Sinking Fund Commission: Noyes E. Alling to succeed Noyes E. Alling. Clinton Barnum Seeley to succeed Clinton Barnum Seeley.
- Board of Charities Commissioners: F. William Behrens to succeed F. William Behrens. William H. Clark to succeed John F. McDonough.
- Board of Appraisal of Benefits and Damages: William P. Corr to succeed Stephen F. Boucher.
- Oyster Ground Commission: Charles L. Lewis to succeed Charles L. Lewis. William Tickey to succeed William Tickey. Charles S. King to succeed Charles S. King.
- Paving and Sewer Commission: John L. Berglund to succeed John Reilly, deceased.

MANY ACCEPTANCES TO PROFFERED JOBS. Thirteen out of twenty-three appointments to twelve of the city boards and governing commissions of the city government announced today by Mayor Fred Atwater are reappointments. That Mayor Fred Atwater has followed a policy of his own mind in making the appointments is proved when the announcements showed that some of the appointees are the very ones on whom the Democratic Executive Board waged a concerted war.

But one hitch has been made in the appointments. Attention of Mayor Atwater was called by The Times to the fact that Walter M. Redfield, appointed to succeed Walter B. Lashar of the City Planning Commission, is a resident and voter of Fairfield, thereby making him ineligible to appointment.

Mayor Got Mixed. When asked why Mr. Lashar was replaced, Mayor Atwater said: "Because he is a resident and voter of Fairfield." He then told that Mr. Redfield was likewise a resident of that town the mayor said: "Well, I did not know it at the time. Every one of them is absolutely individual." Commenting on the appointments the mayor said: "Every one of them is absolutely individual." All political groups in the city are represented in the appointments, the Democratic organization, the Republican organization and the Republican Voters' League.

Italian State and Vatican Near Amicable Settlement

Rome, Dec. 30.—Negotiations for a reconciliation between the Italian state and the Vatican have reached the stage where actual terms have been proposed, it was learned in official circles today. The conditions imposed by the Vatican were outlined as follows: 1. Papal sovereignty shall be recognized over palaces in the Vatican gardens and as Villa Castel Gandolfo as well as other buildings which have been the property of the church for centuries. Pope Pius XI shall renounce all territorial claims, but will request an annuity of \$200,000 lire which has been offered from the Italian government since 1870.

3. The Vatican requests that the agreement, if ratified, shall be communicated to all foreign governments together with guarantees of independence of the church. The movement for reconciliation between the Vatican and Quirinal has taken definite form since the creation of the Fascist government headed by Premier Mussolini. Pope Pius XI is favorable towards the proposals and at the time of his accession to the Papal throne last year it was reported that one of the first official actions of the Papal government was to request from the Italian government.